The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden was held on Monday July 28, 1952 at the Gild Hall with Trustee Wade presiding.

After the chairman declared a quorum to be present the minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Mr. Carl Karlsson resigning from the Board of Assessors and the Civic Committee because he was leaving Arden.

A motion was made and passed accepting his resignation and expressing the gratitude of the community for his many years of service to Arden.

The Trustee financial report for period was read and approved and a copy is filed.

Mr. Ware reported that the Trustees have been doing everything possible about the water situation in Arden. The time for positive action has come and they need letters of complaint from residents of the town to present to the Public Service Commission. They have asked the Community Planning Committee to work with them on this problem. They have considered starting legal action but it is necessary to first take the matter up with the Public Service Commission. On motion the Trustee's report was accepted.

The Auditing Committee report was given by Mr. Samuel Freeman. They examined the books of the Trustees, checked bank statements, checks and other records and found them all to be correct and in excellent condition. The report of the Auditing Committee was accepted.

The Civic Committee report given by Mr. Gilbert Worrell stated that Hillside Road and a section

of Sherwood Road have been repaired, the path near Worley fixed, the pool drained and cleaned with partial volunteer help after the big storm in July and general maintenance of the town carried out. Mr. Worrell has had the water from the Swimming Pool tested at his plant several times and the report is that the water is safe for swimming purposes. There is nothing in the pool to cause the series of earaches, skin rashes etc that are prevalent now and this condition is probably caused by the excessive and prolonged heat. Parking on the road leading to the pool is becoming a serious problem and there is no remedy for it unless the people in the community cooperate with the Safety and Law Committee. Ardentown has purchased new grass cutting equipment and they are going to keep the ball green mowed. The Civic Committee wishes to thank Mr. Carlson for the active interest and help he has been to it.

On motion the report was accepted.

The Assessors report was presented by Mr. Frank E. Harrison and it recommended that the base rate on 100% lots be increased by 5% from $3.00 to $3.15 per 1000 square feet. The remaining extra factors were not changed. The approximated increase in total rentals will be $547 on a total of $12,534. for the year 1953-54.

Mr. Stephens stated that inasmuch as Ardentown and Ardencroft pay higher land rents he wondered if the Assessors of Arden considered the areas around Arden in arriving at their land rents. Mr. Harrison said that the fact that land in the vicinity of Arden is increasing in value was considered and that

Arden land is valued at about $3700 an acre. The land rent has been increasing since 1946. and the value of Arden land has increased $150 00 in the past 6 year. Mr Frank disagreed with the figure of $3700 per acre for Arden land and stated the figure of $3425 per acre is correct. In order to clarify this discrepancy a resolution made at the last meeting of the Board of Assessors was read: "The base rate of $3.15 would be set on 100% lots at value of $3425 per acre exclusive of all other factors. Otherwise if all factors were to be included the land value would be about $3700.

On motion the report of the Assessors was accepted unanimously.

By-Laws Committee no report. At the March meeting a proposed amendment to the By-Laws was made to eliminate a quorum at the Town Assembly.

Mr. Finkelstein made a motion that we elimiate the quorum at Town Assembly meetings. An amendment to this motion states that we amend the By-Laws to make the quorum 25 instead of the present 35.

There was considerable discussion concerning the advisability of eliminating a quorum at Town Assembly. The amendment to the original motion was carried with a vote of 20 yes and 1 no.

Mary Morley made the suggestion that Town Assembly be held every other month instead of trying to crowd so much work in the three summer months. Mr Freeman pointed out that this would necessitate other changes in the By-Laws such as months in which committees were elected and reported etc. The suggestion

met with favorable approval and on motion it was to be sent to the By-laws Committee to be set into proper form for adoption as an amendment to the By-laws.

Community Planning Committee have been holding regular meeting.

Registration Committee reports 41 - voters.

Advisory Committee report. The secretary gave a resumé of the Advisory Committee minutes and the report was accepted.

Safety Committee: Traffic is being controlled but there are several residents of the town who are consistent offenders. It has been suggested that those who fail to comply with the safety regulations approved by the town have their name posted in a public place as consistent offenders. The Safety Committee is trying to find out if they have the legal right to fine violators.

Mr Ware reported that a resolution thanking Mr Vanderen has been prepared and that a Vespers honoring him was presented on July 26. The resolution was read to the Town Assembly and an engrossed copy will be presented to Mr Vanderen. The letter of sympathy to those residents of the town who have died in the past year will be sent in the near future.

No old business.

Under new business the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot electing Edith Ware and Clifford W. Shedd to two year terms on the Community Planning Committee. Their names had been ~~nominated~~ submitted for election at the June meeting.

The only nominee for replacing the vacancy on the Civic Committee caused by the resignation

of Mr. Karlsson was Oliver Hahn; therefore the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing him to fill Mr Karlssons place.

Under Good and Welfare Mr Curtis stated that we should use every possible means to interest the residents in the activities of the town and awaken their sense of responsibility as citizens. He thought that a pamphlet prepared by the Community Planning Committee would be a good idea.

No meeting on motion adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Mary Morley Secretary.